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TITLE OF INVENTION: IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINING APPARATUS IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINING METHOD,  
 AND MEDIUM RECORDING THEREON IMAGE DATA BACKGROUND DETERMINATION CONTROL PROGRAM

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